

Conditions for Eternal Life Ever the Same -

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“Under the New Covenant, the conditions by which eternal Life may be gained are the same as under the old. The conditions are, and ever have been, based on perfect obedience . . .

Under the old covenant, there were many offenses of a daring, presumptuous character, for which there was no atonement specified by law. In the New and better Covenant, Christ has fulfilled the law for the transgressors of law, if they receive Him by faith as a personal Saviour.

“As many as received Him . . . to them gave He power to become the sons of God” (John 1:12). Mercy and forgiveness are the reward of all who come to Christ trusting in His merits (worthiness) to take away their sins. **We are cleansed** from sin by the blood (Romans 6:10) of Christ Jesus our Saviour !”

– Letter 216, 1906, p. 2. (To “My Dear Brother in Christ Jesus,” July 2, 1906.)

Quote -

“But by perfect obedience to the requirements of the law, man is justified.* Only through faith in Christ is such obedience possible. Men may comprehend the spirituality of the law, they may *even* realize its power as a detector of sin, **but they are helpless** to withstand Satan’s power and deceptions, unless they accept *by faith* **the atonement** provided for them in the remedial sacrifice of Christ, Who is our Atonement . . . our At-one-ment--with God.” ref: Ephesians 2:13-14.

– Signs of the Times, July 23, 1902 {par. 13}

Quote -

“Jesus is the Only Hope (assurance) of the soul. By faith every soul may say with the Psalmist, “Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee.”

The moment the sinner lays hold of Christ by faith, *that moment* his sins are no longer upon him. Christ stands in the sinner’s place, and declares . . . “I have borne his guilt, I have been punished for his transgressions, I have taken his sins, and put My righteousness upon him.” In Christ the sinner stands guiltless before the law.

But how vain is the hope of entering heaven if we have no present faith in Christ, no delight in spiritual things, no joy in anticipating the joys of heaven. The child of God finds his comfort and peace in Christ. He delights to dwell upon the holiness of his future, immortal home. The Lord commands . . . *and every command is a promise* (*Education, p.126 and Desire of Ages, p.) . . . “Be ye holy, for I Am holy.”*

The Christian’s constant endeavour should be to come into perfect conformity to the life of Christ; we must look away from the darkness, and face the light. **Do not, by your attitude of unbelief**, charge God with partiality or unfaithfulness. Your doubt casts reflections upon the verity of His promises. When in living (active) faith you come to Jesus, and become doers of His Word, you will taste and see that the Lord is good. You will say to all, “By His stripes we are (I am) healed !”

– Present Truth, January 30, 1890

Quote -

“The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart [through faith in His righteousness](#). Unless we become [vitaly* connected with God](#) (John 15:1-7), we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin.

We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but **without a vital* connection with God** (John 15:7-10 and 6:63 and 14:10-11 and 17:19-21), [through the surrender](#) of ourselves (*ref*: Revelation 12:10-11) to Him moment by moment, we shall be over-come. Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual [communion](#) (com-union), we are at the mercy of the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end . . .”

– Desire of Ages, p.324-325

Quote -

“**The Lord requires no less of the soul now**, than He required of Adam [in Paradise before he fell--perfect obedience, unblemished righteousness](#). The requirement of God under the Covenant (Oath, promise) of grace is just as broad as the requirement He made in Paradise --harmony with His law, which is holy, and just, and good.

The gospel does not weaken the claims of the law; it exalts the law and makes it honorable. Under the New Testament, no less is required than was required under the Old Testament. Let no one take up with the delusion so [pleasant to the natural](#) (carnal, unregenerate) [heart](#), that God will accept of sincerity, no matter what may be the faith, no matter how imperfect may be the life. [God requires of His child perfect obedience](#).

In order to meet the requirements of the law (perfect obedience), our faith must grasp the righteousness of Christ, accepting it as our *own* righteousness. Through union* with Christ, through acceptance of His righteousness [by faith](#), we may be qualified to work the works of God, to be colaborers with Christ.

– 1 Selected Messages, p.373

ref: I Corinthians 1:30 and Jeremiah 23:5-6

Quote -

“**The carnal** [or natural] **mind is** enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Romans 8:7-8). [Human nature could not keep the law, even if it would. Apart from Christ, without union with Him, we can do nothing.](#) “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.”

The law requires us to present to God a holy character. It demands of men today just what it demanded of Adam in Eden,--perfect obedience, perfect harmony with all its precepts in all relations of life, under all circumstances and conditions.

No unholy thought can be tolerated, no unlovely action can be justified. [As the law requires that which no man of himself can render](#), the human family are found guilty (Romans 3:9-20) before the great moral standard, and it is not in the province of law to pardon the transgressor of law.

The standard of the law cannot be lowered to meet man in his fallen condition. No compromise can be made with the sinner to take less than the full requirement of the law. The law cannot acquit the guilty, it cannot cleanse the sinner, or give power to the transgressor to raise himself into a purer, holier atmosphere. Standing before a holy, good, and just law, and finding ourselves condemned because of transgression, we may well cry out, What shall we do to be saved?

There is but One Way of escape (John 14:6) for the sinner. There is but one agency whereby he may be cleansed from sin. He must accept the propitiation* (atonement) that has been made by the Lamb of God, Who taketh away* the sins of the world.

The shed blood of Christ cleanseth us from all sin. "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin . . . *It is finished !* . . . that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins !" *ref: John 17:3-4, and II Corinthians 5:21 and John 17:21**

A complete offering has been made; for "God so loved the world, that He gave His Only-Begotten Son,"-- not a son by creation, as were the angels, nor a son by adoption, as is the forgiven sinner, but a Son begotten in the express image of the Father's person, and in all the brightness of His majesty and glory, One equal with God in authority, dignity, and divine perfection. In Him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead* (Deity) bodily . . . !"

– Signs of the Times, May 30, 1895

Quote -

"Jesus has given this invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." In coming to Jesus, we reveal our faith. The law condemns the sinner, and by this condemnation he is led to see the necessity of a Saviour. He seeks refuge in Jesus, and the Son is glorified and exalted as the Redeemer of the world; he is the sinner's substitute and surety.

No man can keep the law of God apart from Christ, and God will not accept his unaided efforts. The nature of man is in opposition to the divine will, depraved, deformed, and wholly unlike the character of God expressed in his law. Man is accepted through the righteousness of Christ, through obedience to God's law. God imputes beauty, excellence, and perfection to man through the merits of his Son, and thus places the highest honor upon Christ by making him the pattern by which he works to fashion the character of all believers.

Christ is presented to men that they may catch His temper, His perfection;* and as the model is complete and perfect in every part . . . so, as man is conformed to the image of Christ, he is made complete in Him; for aside from Christ there never can be righteousness in the human heart.

When the Spirit was poured out from on high, the church was flooded with Light, but Christ was that Light; the church was filled with joy, but Christ was the subject of that joy. When the Spirit is poured upon His people in this day, Christ's name will be upon every tongue, His love will fill every soul; and when the heart embraces Jesus, it will embrace God; for all the fullness of God* (Colossians 2:9) dwells in Christ. When the beams of Christ's righteousness shine upon the soul, joy, adoration, and glory will be woven with the experience."

– Signs of the Times, June 9, 1890

Quote -

“In order to be candidates for heaven we must meet the requirement of the law:
“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself” (Luke 10:27). We can do this only as we grasp by faith the righteousness of Christ !

By beholding Jesus we receive a living, expanding principle in the heart, and the Holy Spirit carries on the work, and the believer advances from grace to grace, from strength to *greater* strength, from character to *more perfect* character. He conforms to the image of Christ, until in spiritual growth he attains unto the measure of the full stature in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 4:13 and John 1:16). Thus Christ makes an end of the curse of sin, and sets the believing soul free from its action and effect.

Christ alone is able to do this, for “in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, **to make reconciliation* for the sins of the people**. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able* (full of divine power) to succour them that are tempted” (Hebrews 2:17-18).

Reconciliation means that every barrier* (Ephesians 2:13-15 and Matthew 27:51 and Hebrews 10:19-20) between the soul and God is removed, and that the sinner realizes what the pardoning love of God means.

By reason of the sacrifice made by Christ for fallen men, God can justly pardon the transgressor who accepts the merits (worthiness) of Christ. Christ was the channel through which the mercy, love, and righteousness might flow from the heart of God to the heart of the sinner. “He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

In the prophecy of Daniel (chapter 9:24) it was recorded of Christ that He shall “make reconciliation* for iniquity, and bring in everlasting righteousness.” Every soul may say . . . “By His perfect obedience (ref: Romans 5:19) He has satisfied the claims of the law, and my only hope is found in looking to Him as my Substitute and my Surety (guarantee), Who obeyed the law perfectly for me.

By faith in His merits (worthiness) I am free from the condemnation of the law (Romans 6:23). He clothes me with His righteousness (purity, holiness, perfection), which answers all the demands of the law. I am complete in Him Who brings in everlasting righteousness (Colossians 2:10-13). **He presents me to God** in the spotless garment of which no thread was woven by any human agent. All is of Christ, and all the glory, honor, and majesty are to be given to the Lamb of God, which taketh away* (Hebrews 10:1-14 and John 17:19) the sins of the world !”

– 1 Selected Messages, p.394-395

Quote -

“The atonement* that has been made for us by Christ is wholly and abundantly satisfactory to the Father. God can be just, and yet the Justifier of those who believe (MS 28, 1905).

Justification Means Complete Pardon.--[Romans 3:24-26 quoted.] Here the Truth is laid out in plain lines. This mercy and goodness is wholly undeserved. The grace* (G5485 – divine Influence) of Christ is freely to justify the sinner without merit or claim on his part. Justification is a full, complete pardon of sin. The moment a sinner accepts Christ by faith, that moment he is pardoned. The righteousness of Christ is imputed to him, and he is no more to doubt God's forgiving grace. {6BC 1071.8}

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“Through Christ, restoration as well as reconciliation* is provided for man. The gulf that was made by sin has been spanned by the cross of Calvary.

A full, complete ransom has been paid by Jesus, by virtue of which the sinner is pardoned, and the justice of the law is maintained. **All who believe that Christ is the atoning sacrifice** (that sacrifice which of twain, One again – Ephesians 2:13-14) may come and receive pardon for their sins; for through the merit (worthiness) of Christ, communication has been opened between God and man. God can accept me as His child, and I can claim Him and rejoice in Him as my loving Father.

We must center our hopes of heaven upon Christ alone, because **He is our Substitute and Surety.** We have transgressed the law of God, and by the deeds of the law shall no flesh be justified (ref: James 2:10, Galatians 3:10). The best efforts that man in his own strength can make, are valueless to meet the holy and just law that he has transgressed; **but through faith** in Christ he may claim the righteousness of the Son of God as all-sufficient!

Christ satisfied the demands of the law in His human nature. He bore the curse of the law (Deuteronomy 30:16-20 and Zephaniah 3:14-17) for the sinner, **made an atonement* for him**, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting Life. Genuine faith appropriates the righteousness of Christ, and the sinner is made an over-comer with Christ; for he is made a partaker of the divine nature, **and thus Divinity and humanity are combined.**”

- Review and Herald, July 1, 1890

Quote -

“It is not now the work of the sinner to make peace with God, but to accept Christ as his peace and righteousness* (Ephesians 1:6-7 and 2:14 and Jeremiah 23:5-6*). Thus man becomes One with Christ and One with God (John 10:30 and 17:21). There is no way by which the heart may be made holy, save through faith in Christ . . . !”

– Youth's Instructor, December 6, 1894

Quote -

“The world's Redeemer, the Only-Begotten Son of God, by His perfect obedience* to the law, by His Life and character, redeemed that which was lost in the fall, and made it possible for man to obey that holy law of righteousness which Adam transgressed.

Christ did not exchange His divinity for humanity, but combined humanity with divinity; and in humanity (ref: Romans 8:2-4 and II Corinthians 4:10-11) He lived the law in behalf of the human family. The sins of every one who will receive Christ were set to His account, and He has fully satisfied the justice of God !”

– Fundamentals of Christian Education, p.429

Quote -

“No human being, even tho united with evil angels, can impeach the souls who have fled to Christ for refuge. **He has united** the believing soul to His Own divine-human nature. In His mediatorial office *as our great High Priest* His divinity and humanity are combined, and upon this union hangs the hope of the world !”

- Signs of the Times, May 9, 1900 {par. 20}

Quote –

“**He who is trying to reach heaven** by his own works in keeping the law, is attempting an impossibility. Man cannot be saved without obedience, but his works should not be of himself; Christ should work in him to will and to do of His good pleasure.

“For it is God Who worketh in you _____ (your name), both to will, and to do of His good pleasure !”

– Philippians 2:13 and Isaiah 26:12 and Deuteronomy 30:11-14

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“Nothing less than perfect obedience* (James 2:10 and Galatians 3:10) can meet the standard of God’s requirement. He has not left His requirements indefinite. He has enjoined nothing that is not necessary in order to bring man into harmony with Him (*for He is our Life – Colossians 3:3 and John 6:57*). We are to point sinners to His ideal of character and to lead them to Christ, by Whose grace* (Divine Influence) only can this ideal be reached.

The Saviour took upon Himself the infirmities of humanity and lived a sinless Life, that men might have no fear that because of the weakness of human nature they could not overcome. **Christ came to make us** “partakers of the divine nature” (II Peter 1:4), and His Life declares that humanity, combined with Divinity, does not commit sin . . . !”

- Ministry of Healing, p.180

Quote -

“Know that the only thing in which you can safely glory (I Corinthians 1:29-31, Isaiah 45:22-25 and Ephesians 1:4 and Philippians 3:9) is that which will open to you the gates of the city of God. Learn from the Word of God how to form characters fitted for the country you are seeking.

Know that Christ is to be set forth among you (in your midst – the heart), and that all that was lost in Adam (ref: Desire of Ages, p.161) the cross of Christ fully restores to every believing soul . . . !”

- Youth's Instructor, July 7, 1898 par. 8}

Quote -

“**In the cleansing of the temple**, Jesus was announcing His mission as the Messiah (ref: Daniel 9:24), and entering upon His work. That temple, erected for the abode of the divine Presence, was designed to be an object lesson for Israel and for the world.

From eternal ages it was God's purpose that every created being, from the bright and holy seraph (angel) to man, should be a temple for the indwelling of the Creator. *But*, because of sin, humanity ceased to be **a temple for God**. Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man no longer revealed the glory of the Divine One.

But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of Heaven is fulfilled. God dwells in humanity, and through saving grace* (G5485 – the divine Influence, Spirit upon) the heart of man becomes again His temple.

God designed that the temple at Jerusalem should be **a continual witness*** (John 10:25 and 2:19-21) **to the high destiny open to every soul**. But the Jews had not understood the significance of the building they regarded with so much pride. They did not yield themselves as holy temples for the Divine Spirit.

The courts of the temple at Jerusalem, filled with the tumult of unholy traffic, represented all too truly the temple of the heart, defiled by the presence of sensual passion and unholy thoughts. In cleansing the temple from the world's buyers and sellers* (ref: Isaiah 59:2, 52:1-3 and 50:1), Jesus announced His mission to cleanse the heart from the defilement of sin,--from the earthly desires, the selfish lusts, the evil habits, that corrupt the soul.

“The Lord (*Adoni* – Sovereign King), Whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the LORD of hosts . . . But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit (ref: Hebrews 10:4-20) as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver.” Malachi 3:1-3.

“Know ye not that ye _____ (your name) are **the temple of God**, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy . . . *for our God is a consuming Fire* . . . and the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” I Corinthians 3:16-17

No man can of himself cast out the evil throng that have taken possession of the heart. **Only Christ can cleanse the soul temple** . . . but He will not force an entrance. He comes not into the heart as to the temple of old; but He says, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My Voice (My Word – John 6:63 and 15:7), and open the door (surrender) . . . I will come in to him.”

– Revelation 3:20 and ref: Zechariah 7:8-12

He will come, not for one day merely; for He says, “I will dwell in them, and walk in them; . . . and they shall be My people.” “**He will subdue our iniquities**; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.” II Corinthians 6:16 and Micah 7:19.

His Presence will cleanse and sanctify the soul, so that it (your heart) may be a holy temple unto the Lord, and “an habitation of God through the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:21, 22.

– Desire of Ages, p.160-161